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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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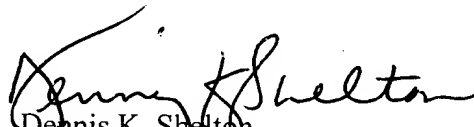
Applicants respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 37 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office, mailed October 25, 2001, set to expire on December 25, 2001, be extended by two months to expire on February 25, 2002.

Enclosed is our check No. 135906 in the amount of \$530.00, which includes \$400.00 for the extension of time fee.

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